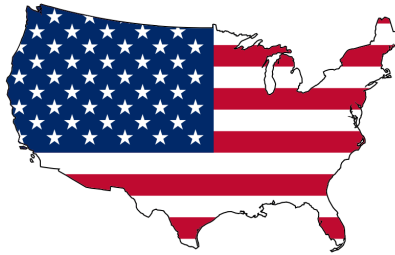


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Global articles for your interest
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Contents:

1. Obama Offers Full U.S. Embrace for Mideast Democratic Change

Because of its own history and democratic values, the United States must stand with the people of the Middle East and with others who peacefully demand their universal rights and seek greater opportunities, President Obama says.

2. G8 Summit Sought Common Solutions to Global Challenges

The Deauville G8 Summit of major industrialized nations was focused on finding common solutions to some of the world's most vexing security and economic challenges. The summit leaders discussed a wide range of issues from Afghanistan to Iran, the Arab Spring, Libya, Middle East peace, the needs of many African nations, and the world economy.

3. U.S. Hails Serbia's Arrest of Ratko Mladić

The arrest of former Bosnian Serb commander Ratko Mladić shows that alleged war criminals will be held to account, and the Obama administration hopes it will help Serbia integrate more closely with Europe.

4. Clinton Calls for More Education for Women and Girls

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton says that educating women and girls helps them to contribute substantially to their communities.

5. Space Shuttle Endeavour Returns, Building Legacy

The space shuttle Endeavour re-entered Earth's atmosphere to land safely at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida June 1, ending its mission and the vehicle's career. NASA called the 10.5-million-kilometer mission a success with installation of a particle physics detector on board the space station.

6. Research Key to Ending 30-Year-Old AIDS Epidemic

Thanks to a series of hard-won medical breakthroughs, people infected with the virus that causes AIDS are living longer, but much work remains. Carl W. Dieffenbach and Anthony S. Fauci of the National Institutes of Health outline goals for future research aimed at ending the epidemic.

In case you missed it:

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[Go Pink Walk 2011 \(pdf 140kb\)](#)

Several thousand citizens of Macedonia joined Ambassador Reeker for the 2011 Go Pink Walk. The NGOs BORKA and Integrity Alpha Omega led this third walk to raise awareness of breast cancer issues.

[Video](#)

[Photos](#)



[Joint Training for Border Police \(pdf 1.9mb\)](#)

The Embassy EXBS office led a "Green Cross-Border Operations" training event May 16-20. The joint training course for Macedonia and Kosovo Border Police is the first in a series of cross-border trainings.



[Ambassador visits the Assoc. of Citizens MOST](#)

Ambassador Reeker: "I encourage all citizens to participate in the elections, to get out and vote, to remember and know that your vote is secret." ...



National Missing Children's Day

May 25, 2011: Secretary Clinton's statement on National Missing Children's Day.

[Video](#)



Amb Reeker's Interview on Alsat TV

Ambassador Reeker: "I think inter-ethnic relations are a critical part of Macedonia's society. That's not a surprise to anybody. That's always been a situation when you live in a multi-ethnic country." ... [Video »](#)



J-1 Visa Exchange Visitor Program

The Exchange Visitor (J) non-immigrant visa category is for individuals approved to participate in work-and study-based exchange visitor programs. Participants are integral to the success of the program. Here you can learn more about obtaining the J-1 Visa and other visas.



U.S. supports Election Code of Conduct

Ambassador Reeker attended the signing on May 12 of the Code of Conduct for Free and Fair Elections by all political leaders. The Code was supported by a grant from USAID.



Ambassador interview with "NIE" Sitel TV

Ambassador Reeker discusses the importance of free and fair elections in June, the U.S. investment in civil society and perceptions of the international community's influence in Macedonia.



[Joint statement: U.S., EU, NATO & OSCE \(pdf 74.3kb\)](#)

SKOPJE, 13 May 2011: "We urge all responsible political stakeholders to do their utmost to ensure that elections are in line with established international democratic standards, free from intimidation and violence. "...



[AmCham & Corporate Social Responsibility](#)

Ambassador Reeker opened the American Chamber of Commerce's conference on Corporate Social Responsibility, noting that volunteerism and community service are key to successful business strategies.

- **[Request for Applications \(RFA\) for the Interethnic Integration in Education Project \(pdf 203kb\)](#)**

USAID anticipates that this activity will be designed as a four-year effort, estimated to begin in October 2011.

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